

BIG FIRE AT WEST POINT.

ONE MILLION DOLLARS LOSS.

Last night at 9 o'clock, an alarm was rung for a fire out at West Point, close to the Gas Works. The Brigade turned out immediately, arriving on the scene about 9.10. Nobody dreamt of the enormous proportions the fire was going to assume, so only the hydrants were brought. The fire started in a godown, on the Praya, owned by Ah Hing and before the brigade arrived it had taken a good hold on the contents, which consisted of matting and general goods. Sergeant Williamson was in charge of the Fire Brigade. After getting into the building and playing on the fire for about ten minutes, a terrific explosion took place without the slightest warning. In fact, no one seemed to know that any combustibles were stored there. All the firemen in the immediate vicinity were shaken and it seemed a marvel that no one was killed. Mr. Ritchie was severely hit about the head and chest by flying bricks and beams. Sergeant Williamson had a narrow escape; a big beam flew by his head, knocking his helmet off. Every one of course retreated into the street, and when it was discovered that a man was missing a blue jacket rushed into the blazing pile and rescued the unfortunate man. We could not discover from what shop he came, or his name. Such deeds as these are always done by a man who disappears, and no one knows his name. It was a plucky thing and quite up to the standard of our English men-of-war men. Some idea of the force of the explosion can be gathered from the fact that heavy beams were sent a hundred yards away over the tops of three large godowns. Matting and lighter stuffs were sent as far up as Third Street; all the windows in the Gas Works were broken, as were a lot of glass and crockery, and the gas blown out. Some families were slightly over a hundred yards away in a timber yard, setting fire to that and causing another conflagration.

After the explosion Serg. Williamson at once telephoned to Inspector Hanna for all the assistance he could send, and soon two steamers and the harbour float were on the scene. It was some time before the second fire was noticed, and, by the time a couple of hydrants had been brought into play, a godown stored with leather and mats was in a blaze. The larger fire soon got beyond control and a whole acre of godown was in a blaze, from the Praya up to Queen's Road, West. The firemen started playing on the burning pile without any chance of success, when Mr. Baddeley, who had just arrived on the scene, summing up the situation by a hurried survey, ordered the attention of the Brigade to be turned to saving the adjoining buildings. It would have been a hopeless task to have tried to have put the blaze out as it was a roaring mass of inflammable articles. A second explosion came shortly after this, hurling bricks and beams in every direction. Great care had to be exercised in watching the flight of the burning timbers so as to be able to stop any fresh outbreak.

It was impossible to do anything with the smaller fire, as the whole building was blazing, so Mr. Baddeley sent a hose round to the back through a Chinese dwelling, to play on the timber yard and keep it from spreading. Two more hoses were kept in play at the front, paying all their attention to saving the neighbouring buildings. Insp. Baker directed these operations, which were entirely successful. Next to the bigger fire was a large godown full of matting, which was most carefully watched, and if this had caught, the Gasworks would have been bound to go, as only a narrow lane separated the two.

To the east of the fire was another large godown, separated only by Hing Long Lane, about 8 ft. across. The East wall of one of the burning buildings showed unmistakable signs of collapsing. Great fears were entertained for the safety of the buildings on the other side of Hing Long Lane, as it was thought that the collapsing wall would cave in and the other buildings would be set on fire. These fears proved to be unfounded, for when the wall fell, the other stood the shock well. Sergeant Williamson had a narrow shave here, as just about half a minute before the collapse, he was seen making his way along the lane, and but for the shouts of the firemen and the hot air, he would have been a victim of the hot air. Altogether there were three explosions. After each there was a crash and shower of sparks as some wall collapsed. The fire raged all night and it was only when day dawned that it commenced to subside, or we should say it had burnt itself out. All the off-duty police were engaged in keeping it within bounds. At one time it looked as if nothing could save the gas works and the staff there had plenty of work smothering the flaming brands. Great credit is due to the firemen, both European and Chinese, who fought this fire well, and confined it, when at times it looked as if it would assume far greater proportions. Mr. Baddeley was here, there and everywhere, directing and doing his best to keep the fire in. Sergeant Williamson was where the most risk lay.

Men coming off duty were sent straight down to the fire and all worked with a will. Every one seemed bent on conquering the fierce attack of the fiery element, and well they succeeded too. The European firemen rendered valuable assistance to the firemen when they were short handed at the beginning. Several soldiers and sailors also assisted when required.

The loss to Insurance companies is heavy, as far as we can hear at present. The total loss is estimated at one million dollars, but how far this is covered by insurance, we have not heard. P. C. Ritchie, who was on duty, is in a precarious condition and grave doubts are entertained as to his recovery. He is most severely injured about the head and face. This fire we believe is one of the biggest in Hongkong for a number of years, and the town can congratulate itself on there being no loss of life and nobody made homeless by it. With a less efficient Fire Brigade the whole of the West End might have been destroyed. The buildings are likely to smoulder for two or three days yet and great care will have to be exercised in watching the scene to prevent other possible outbreaks. We have been unable to discover the cause of the fire, but it is put down to carelessness. What caused the explosions is unknown and whatever it was was very combustible. We shall give a list of the losses and the companies involved in our next issue.

THE "DAILY CHRONICLE" EDITOR'S RESIGNATION.

The Allahabad paper says: "What Mr. Messingham has failed to see is that the Boers made a compromise without war, an impossibility for the Empire reason that they declined to give equal terms to the two races in the Transvaal, unless compelled to do so. In this case the instinct of the man in the street would be a better guide than the editor of the Daily Chronicle, and one result, of course, been the main reason of the street's action of the Daily Chronicle, for the Daily Mail. It is remarkable that the second in command of the Daily Chronicle, Mr. Henry Norman, author of the 'The Far East,' is strongly Imperialist."

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

HONGKONG, Friday, December 22nd. Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts, in their weekly share report, state:—Business has been very dull during the week under review and there is no material change in quotations to record except in Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, which has been placed at \$53 and is still obtainable. China Mutuals (25 paid up) have changed hands at 24 1/2. Refineries—China Sugars are quiet at \$120. Mining—Punjoms are on offer at \$7 1/2. Charbonnages can be placed at \$320. Jubas are steady with buyers at \$124. Raubs have been done at \$6 1/2 and are wanted. Olivers' B have declined to \$6 and buyers. Docks, Wharves and Godowns—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been done and close steady at \$25 per cent premium. Kowloon Wharf shares are firm with sales and buyers at \$86. New Amoy Docks have improved their position and have been done at \$21. Lands, Hotels and Buildings—Hongkong Lands after sales at \$113 and \$114 are inquired for at \$115. Kowloon Lands have been negotiated at \$29. West Points have been fixed at \$34. Hongkong Hotels are steady with buyers at \$119. Humphreys' Estate can be obtained at \$34. Cotton Mills—There is no business taken. Quotations for the northern stocks are taken from the latest Shanghai circulars. Miscellaneous—Green Island Cements have changed hands to a considerable extent at \$6 1/2 and close firm. Electrics have been sold at \$10. Ropes are firm and have buyers at \$210. Fenwicks are in request at \$45. Ices are inquired for at \$129. Tramways have been done at \$155 and close in demand.

"THE ABSENT-MINDED BEGGAR."

The Robinson Piano Company inform us that they are now booking orders for Kipling's "Absent-minded Beggar," which has been set to music by Sir Arthur Sullivan. The air is a most catchy one and there is no doubt that the song will become the rage. The price asked is \$2 per copy, and the whole of the proceeds are to be given to the Widows and Orphans Fund, so it behoves the Hongkong public to hurry up and increase the already lengthy list of orders booked. At the Alhambra the song is creating a great furore, as the following, from a home paper, will show:—The Alhambra has taken up "The Absent-minded Beggar," introducing him with musical accompaniment supplied by Sir Arthur Sullivan. Not every composer, however anxious for popularity, would have cared to set some of the lines in Kipling's latest production. Naturally the best course was to ally the poem to a rhythmic strain likely to seize at once the ear of an audience quite prepared to join in the chorus. It was demonstrated on Nov. 13 that Sir Arthur had succeeded in doing this, and the song was helped by Mr. Dundas Slater, the manager, issuing with the programme the eight bars of music constituting the refrain, the end of which, to the words "and pay! pay! pay!" is undoubtedly telling. To the second and following verses the response of the listeners was hearty, and "The Absent-minded Beggar" in his new guise was a decided success. Sir Arthur Sullivan conducted, and the singer was Mr. John Coates, who went through his task in a spirited manner. Both were again and again called, and then, as a repetition of the last verse was inevitable, Sir Arthur remained on the stage indicating the tempo with his hand, while Mr. Byng held the baton in the orchestra. There were more calls, and between this and the next "turn" cheers were raised for the British commanders in South Africa.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS STAMPS.

In compliance with the regulations of the Universal Postal Union, the Straits Settlements 5-cent stamp was issued of a red colour to represent the 1d. value; but the Government of the Straits Settlements having reduced the penny representative to 4 cents, these 5-cent stamps were surcharged four cents, and the permanent issue will, no doubt, be in the same colour. The 8-cent stamp will remain blue, and the colour of the present 1-cent, green will have to be changed in order to allow of green being used for the 2-cent stamp, which is the equivalent of the half-penny stamp. When the colour of the new 1-cent stamp is to be has not yet been made public.

THE MANUFACTURE OF WAR PHOTOGRAPHS.

The war in the Transvaal has inspired the editor of a Paris illustrated paper with a highly ingenious idea. The persons who happened afterwards were astonished to see a group of English soldiers occupying the top of a hill. The men were ranged as if expecting an attack, some of them placed as advance sentinels, others taking advantage of the cover afforded by trees, and the remainder ranged in firing order along the crest of the slight eminence. Presently a "commando" of Boers surged out from below, opened fire on the English, and proceeded to storm the hill. For a moment the English were inclined to wonder whether the English and Dutch residents in Paris had decided to settle their differences by mortal combat. In any case, what was afoot was sufficiently mysterious until the truth was explained. The editor already mentioned is desirous of giving his readers realistic photographs of the Transvaal war, taken, of course, by a special correspondent. Genuine photographs of this kind would naturally be difficult to obtain, so the editor had hit on the idea of dressing up a number of theatrical "supers" as English and Boers, and making them go through a series of military stunts, and of having photographs taken of the scene thus contrived. In consequence Londoners must not be surprised if they shortly obtain, via Paris, what purport to be kodak reproductions of the wounding of General Symons, and other prominent incidents of the war. There seem to have been no mules at the Buttes-Chaumont, or, doubtless, the famous stampede would figure in the series of pictures.

A FLORAL HINT TO GOVERNMENT.

The Morning Post, in an article describing the preparations for the decoration of the Nelson column on the Trafalgar anniversary, says a feature of the gift from the branches of the Navy League was to be a model ship made entirely of flowers from the Hongkong branch. The model was to represent the gunboat Sunlight, which is now patrolling the West coast, and where a great deal of piracy exists, and the gift of the flowers was two-fold, viz. to honour Nelson and to draw attention to the necessity for more gunboats to protect our commerce on the West Coast.

SIR MICHAEL HICKS BEACH'S PROPOSAL.

Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer, delivered a political speech at Bristol on the 14th of November. Referring to the South Africa trouble, he said, "This is the South Africa will destroy both Conventions, and will result in South Africa awakening to a new birth, when it will rival Canada and Australia as one of the Empire's great contributions."

THE ALASKA BOUNDARY.

NEW YORK, November 15th. One important London journal seems to take seriously some remarks about the Alaska boundary published by a "yellow" newspaper in New York, replying to them as if they represented American opinion or feeling. They do not, and they do not deserve attention. They are based on Washington gossip to the effect that the British Ambassador is pressing for a settlement in the Canadian interest. The settlements in the Washington despatch refer to events some months old prior to the joint acceptance of the *modus vivendi*. Another New York paper, which makes a business of expressing Irish-American animosity to England, takes up today this "yellow" parable of Monocacy and courses on it in its usual tone, assuming the accuracy of these Washington guesses. This also may be safely neglected.

What cannot be safely neglected is the fact that this Alaska difficulty with Canada is all but universally regarded here as being of Canada's creation. It is held that the adoption of the *modus vivendi* disposes of the question for the present, and that any pressure for an immediate settlement is the work of a few individuals, who are not active continuance of the negotiations would be unimpaired, whether based on the Canadian demand for Pyramid Harbour or not. It is not in the power of this Government to yield to that demand or to agree to any form of arbitration to which that or any similar demand is made a condition precedent.

But all stories about the alleged hostility either of the President or of the Secretary of State may be dismissed as worse than groundless. They are pure inventions. Reports that either of them is disposed to concede what both regard as an Antislavery territory are equally groundless. If I may express my own opinion, it is that the whole subject may, in the interest of both Governments, and especially in that of Great Britain, be allowed to slumber for the present. Let us see how the existing arrangements work. To that Canada assented, knowing that it was regarded here as a settlement, though a temporary settlement. Negotiations continue, but they have in view the future and not the immediate adjustment of all outstanding questions. To revive the demands relating to the Lynn Canal at a time when Canada has just left in abeyance the though not permanently relinquished, her claim to a port on that canal can have but one effect—namely, to renew that irritation in the North-West which Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speeches, and articles in the Canadian Press, not long since brought to a dangerous point. "Let sleeping dogs lie" is a maxim on which both English and American friends of friendly relations between the two countries may safely act for the present. *E.D. Mail.*

EGYPTIAN AFFAIRS.

The Powers have approved of the decree issued by the Khedive of Egypt with the object of removing the trouble arising from the decision arrived at by the Mixed Tribunals concerning the credit of £500,000, which was obtained from the general reserve fund towards the necessary expenses of the British expedition in the Sudan. When an appeal for this amount was made to the Caisse de la Dette, the French and Russian representatives objected; but they were overruled by the representatives of other Powers, and henceforth a majority of the Caisse de la Dette will dispose of the general reserve fund, unanimity being only necessary in the case of any extraordinary war credits required by the future expeditions.

A LOST DISPATCH-BOX.

Great anxiety, writes a home correspondent, has been caused, both in Dublin Castle and the Irish Office, London, by the disappearance of a dispatch-box of Lord Ashbourne's containing, it is said, among other documents of a highly confidential nature, a minute of the proceedings of one of the secret Cabinet Councils, in which the Transvaal question was under consideration. The most searching examination of all the officials has failed to furnish a clue as to its whereabouts or to attach the slightest suspicion to any individual.

THE CHAMPAGNE VINTAGE OF 1899.

On the subject of the Champagne vintage of 1899, Mr. Chas. Heidsieck sends the following letter to the London Standard:—Sir, As we have now finished the "Vendanges" for the champagne vintage of 1899, it is with much pleasure I send you a short account of the vintage, as usual. The vines this year were visited in April by a severe frost, which blighted nearly the whole of the buds in the "Cuvée de Crémant" of the white grapes, but the "Cuvée de Crémant" of the black grapes, which are more hardy, were not touched. The flowering of the vines commenced at the end of June, and lasted, owing to continuous cold and wet weather, till the middle of July. The end of that month and during that time the vines made great progress; the grapes that had escaped from the frost were in splendid condition. This exceptionally hot summer brought the fruit to ripeness very fast, and to make a very fine wine it only required a little rain at the end of August to swell the grapes.

An early vintage was expected, and, accordingly, all arrangements were made. But about the middle of September the weather completely changed; heavy rain, with occasional storms, retarded the ripening of the grapes, and then, to add to our misfortune, cold and damp weather set in. At the beginning of October the days were very fine, but the nights somewhat cold. The vintage, which had already begun in the Marne district, commenced generally on and about the 23rd instant throughout the "Cuvée de Crémant" and "Féte" Montagne. Verzenay, Bouzy, Villamange, etc. All the grapes are not abundant, and they are free from all maldies that infect the vineyards, i.e., mildew, oidium, etc., and are very even in ripeness. From the must it is difficult to form any opinion on the quality, but it is generally considered that the vintage of 1899 will be good, though small in quantity. I regret to mention that the Phylloxera is still with us; its progress is slow, but each year we see the

THE TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

ATTEMPT TO RAISE A LOAN IN GERMANY.

It is stated on the highest authority, says a Berlin dispatch, that Dr. von Miquel, Prussian Minister of Finance, had a long conference on November 12th with Emperor William. It appears that one of the subjects discussed was the visit of Emperor Nicholas was the Russian Government's refusal to effect one anywhere else in Europe. Miquel explains why Dr. Miquel was present along with Count von Bismarck and Forchar and the Kaiser. Emperor William, in the matter, leaving it understood to the Kaiser in the German Government would favour another Russian loan or not depended largely upon Dr. von Miquel's answer prepared at the Emperor's request.

In the meanwhile Dr. von Miquel consulted with the leading German financiers, nearly all of whom discouraged the proposal, as they have been reliably informed that the trans-Siberian Railroad is likely to prove far more expensive than is generally supposed.

Dr. von Miquel reported to the Kaiser, and it may be considered certain that the proposed loan has failed.

MR. RHODES'S SCHEMES.

LONDON, November 16th. The arrangement concluded by Mr. Cecil Rhodes with the Emperor William of Germany, during his visit to Berlin last March, with regard to the trans-continental telegraph from Cape Town to Cairo, has been confirmed. It was then agreed that the portion of the telegraph, as well as of the Trans-African railway, between Rhodesia and Uganda, should be constructed on the German side of Lake Tanganyika, through German East Africa. It has also been arranged that a railway shall be constructed from the Atlantic coast, through German West Africa, connecting with the Cape Town to Cairo railway, and bringing Rhodesia into the trans-continental telegraph connection with the Atlantic coast. This railway will supply a short cut to Rhodesia, and will obviate the necessity of proceeding to that country by way of Cape Town.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

DECEMBER. Meteorological means based on fifteen years' observations to 1893.

Barometer	30.181
Thermometer	62.4
Humidity	69.8
Rainfall	0.95

TO-DAY. Saturday, 23rd December, 1899.

Chinese—21st of 11th moon of 25th year of Kwang-shi.	Sun—Rises 6hr. 38min.
Sun—Sets 5hr. 19min.	Moon—In Aqueo 7hr. a.m.
High water—Afternoon 2hr. 9min.	Low water—Morning 6hr. 44min.
High water—Morning 6hr. 39min.	Low water—Morning 6hr. 39min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1861—Prince Consort buried.
1870—British Consulate at Shanghai destroyed by fire.
1874—Lord Romilly died.

TO-MORROW.

Sunday, 24th December, 1899.

Chinese—22nd of 11th moon of 25th year of Kwang-shi.	Sun—Rises 6hr. 38min.
Sun—Sets 5hr. 19min.	Moon—In Equator 7hr. a.m.
High water—Morning 6hr. 44min.	Low water—Morning 6hr. 39min.
High water—Morning 6hr. 39min.	Low water—Morning 6hr. 39min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1814—Peace with America signed.
1843—First sermon preached by the Colonial Chaplain in Hongkong.
1864—Attempt to set fire to the Central Market, Hongkong.
1867—Commissioner Yeh given 48 hours to accede to the demands of the Allies.
1885—Thackeray died.
1897—Suicide of Mr. Kluth, Manager of the Club Concordia at Shanghai.
1898—Imperial Penny Postage came into force in Hongkong and Singapore—Spanish troops evacuate Iloilo.

AGENDA.

TO-DAY. Football—Shield Tie, Hongkong Engineers v. "F" Co. R.W.F. Cargo ex *Vindobona* subject to rent.

TO-MORROW. Public Holiday.

Monday, 25th May, 1899.

Chinese—23rd of 11th moon of 25th year of Kwang-shi.	Sun—Rises 6hr. 38min.
Sun—Sets 5hr. 19min.	Moon—Last Quarter 10hr. 35 a.m.
High water—Morning 6hr. 44min.	Low water—Morning 6hr. 39min.
High water—Morning 6hr. 39min.	Low water—Morning 6hr. 39min.

SUNDAY 24TH.

N. L. H. A. steamer *Amber* leaves for Haere Hamburg.

MONDAY, 25th. Christmas Day.

TUESDAY, 26th. Boxing Day.

C. N. Co.'s steamer *Shant* leaves for Samarang and Sourabaya.

WEDNESDAY, 27th.

Noon.—Navigation Generale Italiana's steamer *Bonifida* for Venice and Trieste.Imperial German Mail Line steamer *Prinz Heinrich* for Hamburg.Shewan, Tomes and Co.'s steamer *Arana* leaves for New York (about).

5.30 for 6 p.m.—Regular Meeting of the Zetland Lodge.

6 p.m.—H.K.V.C. ORDERS.

7 p.m.—"E" Coy Company Drill at Headquarters.

3 p.m. Auction sale, Kowloon Island Lot 490 at Mong-Kok-Tsui, at P.W.D. office.

P. & O. steamer *Sacra* leaves for London (about).

FRIDAY, 29th.

4 p.m.—N. Y. K. steamer *Futami Maru* leaves for Sydney, and Melbourne.4 p.m.—N. Y. K. steamer *Asama Maru* leaves for Marseilles, London and Antwerp.

2.45 p.m.—Auction sale of household furniture at No. 9 Queen's Gardens, Peak Rd., by Geo. P. Lammert.

SATURDAY, 30th.

N. P. R. steamer *City of Dublin* leaves for Victoria and Tacoma.

Football-Field Tie—H.K.F.C. v. 25th Coy S. D. R. A.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

American (*Nippon Maru*) to-morrow.German (*Prinz Heinrich*) 26th inst.German (*Karlruhe*) 26th inst.Canadian (*Empress of China*) 27th inst.Australian (*Triumph*) 31st inst.American (*Onaga*) 31st prox.American (*Coptic*) 10th prox.The steamer *Futami Maru* (Australian Line) left Nagasaki for this port yesterday the 22nd inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 26th inst.The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s R.M.S. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Shanghai at 5 a.m. to-day, Saturday, 23rd inst., and will leave to-morrow, Sunday 24th, at 1 p.m. for Nagasaki, where she is due to arrive at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, 26th inst.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Isa de Cuba..... at Kowloon Dock

Hatching..... " " "

Isa de Luzon..... " " "

Sima..... " " "

H.I.G.M.S. *Herta*..... " " "

Rohilla..... " " "

Nanyang..... " " "

Clara..... " " "

Triumph..... " " "

Duan..... " " "

Cosmopolitan..... " " "

Menmuir..... " " "

PASSED THE CANAL.

Outward—10th November—*Siam, Teas Maru*, 14th November—*Wittsburg, Bombay*Whitehall, 17th November—*Glenfarg, Bengal*, *Silesia, Dardanus, Ness, Annam*, 21st November—*Antenor, Preussen, Bedouin, Bergenhus*, 24th November—*Martinettschire*, 28th November—*Caledonia, Almeria, Hinch, Maru, Hotalia, Romney, Thorold*, 1st December—*Salsala, Romy, Thorold*, 12th December—*Salsala, Romy, Thorold*, 13th December—*Kherson, Shanghai, 19th December—Canton, Hsion, Langbank, Sochong, Solus, Bingsu, Masu, Durdon, Catay, Briddigh*.Homeward—11th December—*Bayern, Java, Marie, Valerle, Orestes, Tonkin*, 12th December—*Canfa*, 19th December—*Orestes, Sydney*.

Shipping.

Arrivals.

BRISK, British cruiser, 1770, R. B. S. Wrey, 22nd Dec.—Ho-hooh 20th Dec.

EASTERN, British steamer, 3600, Wintthrop Ellis, 22nd Dec.—Sydney 22nd Dec.

Darwin and Manila 20th, General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

KUMSANG, British steamer, 2078, G. Payne, 22nd Dec.—Singapore 16th Dec, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PAKHOO, British steamer, 1248, C. C. Williams, 22nd Dec.—Chinking 18th Dec, General—Butterfield & Swire.

ESMERALDA, British steamer, 966, Blackland, 23rd Dec.—Manila 20th Dec, General—Shewan, Tomes & Co.

BENGLOE, British steamer, 1993, A. W. S. Thomson, 23rd Dec.—Singapore 16th Dec, General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

NANCHANG, British steamer, 1062, E. Findlayson, 23rd Dec.—Iloilo via Cebu and Manila 20th Dec, General—Butterfield & Swire.

MASATI, British steamer, 2098, C. Gadd, 23rd Dec.—London 8th Nov, and Singapore 18th Dec, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

KUNG PING, Chinese steamer, 1742, Symons, 23rd Dec.—Canton 22nd Dec, General—Chinese.

KWANGSI, British steamer, 1240, A. Harris, 23rd Dec.—Canton 22nd Dec, General—Butterfield & Swire.

SHANSI, British steamer, 1250, Camaghan, 23rd Dec.—Canton 22nd Dec, General—Butterfield & Swire.

LOKANG, British steamer, 989, Leask, 23rd Dec.—Wuhu 17th Dec, Rika—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

AMOV, German steamer, 667, W. Wulff, 23rd Dec.—Amoy 22nd Dec, Ballast—Sander, Wieler & Co.

TAMBU, British steamer, 1000, Brown, 23rd Dec.—Newchang 18th Dec, Beans—Butterfield & Swire.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Doric, American str. for Shanghai.

Monmouthshire, British str. for Moji.

Prophont, British str. for Singapore.

Departures.

Dec. 23, *Coronand*, British str. for Europe.Dec. 23, *Doric*, American str. for San Francisco.Dec. 23, *Silesia*, German str. for Shanghai.Dec. 23, *Kwang Ping*, Chinese str. for Canton.Dec. 23, *Chiyoda Maru*, Japanese str. for Moji.Dec. 23, *Futami Maru*, Japanese str. for Hongkong.Dec. 23, *Triumph*, British str. for Canton.Dec. 23, *Futami Maru*, Japanese str. for Moji.Dec. 23, *Triumph*, British str. for Canton.Dec. 23, *Triumph*, British str. for Canton.Dec. 23, *Triumph*, British str. for Canton.Dec. 23, *Triumph*, British str. for Canton.Dec. 23, *Triumph*, British str. for Canton.Dec. 23, *Triumph*, British str. for Canton.Dec. 23, *Triumph*, British str. for Canton.Dec. 23, *Triumph*, British str. for Canton.Dec. 23, *Triumph*, British str. for Canton.Dec. 23, *Triumph*, British str. for Canton.Dec. 23, *Triumph*, British str. for Canton.

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For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, Hongkong Agency,
L. BERINDOAGUE,
Acting Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED, HONGKONG,
CHARTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED, S. CHOH,
Agent.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA, E. W. RUTTER,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1899. [15954]

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 25th and 26th instant, and on MONDAY, the 1st January, 1900.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD.
General Managers.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED,
DOUGLAS JONES,
Secretary.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LD.
W. H. PERCIVAL,
Agent.

NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD.
A. S. GARFET,
Acting Secretary.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LIMITED,
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED,
GEO. L. TOMLIN,
Secretary.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1899. [15959]

WANTED.
A YOUNG MAN, EAST INDIAN, seeks Employment as a CLERK, either in HONGKONG or any Part of CHINA. Very good Correspondent and Office Assistant. Excellent references.

"X."
c/o The Hongkong Telegraph.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1899. [15772]

WANTED.
TWO GENTLEMEN in the country desire at once a CHINESE TEACHER for the CANTONESE DIALECT.
Replies stating Salary expected to be addressed to

"O.A.L."
Care of This Paper.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [15922]

NOTICE.
NIGHT SCHOOL for EUROPEANS, by an Ex-SCHOOLMASTER.
Terms moderate, for Particulars apply to the Secretary.

c/o This Office.
Hongkong, 18th August, 1899. [15082]

Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 698.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th day of December, 1899, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 9th December, 1899. [15728]

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Wednesday, the 27th day of December, 1899, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, at Mong-Kok-Tsui, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 25 Years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the Queen, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	Mong-Kok-Tsui	100 ft. by 100 ft.	10,000	100	1,000

THE Undermentioned has received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on FRIDAY, the 29th December, 1899, at 2.45 P.M., At No. 9, Queen's Garden, Peak Road. (The Residence of G. C. Cox, Esq.) THE WHOLE of his VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Comprising:-
SILK TAPESTRY & PLUSH COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE, TEAK OVERMANTELS, CHIFFONIER, JAPANESE CABINETS, CANTON BLACKWOOD TABLES AND STOOLS, CARPETS, RUGS, and LACE CURTAINS, &c., &c.

TEAK SIDEBOARD with MIRROR, DINNER WAGGONS, DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, OIL-PAINTINGS, FINE ENGRAVINGS, ORNAMENTS, GLASS and CROCKERY WARE, CUTLERY, GAS FITTINGS, &c., &c.

Double and Single BRASS MOUNTED BEDSTEADS, TEAK WARDROBE with MIRROR, DUCHESSE TOILET TABLE, MARBLE-TOP WASHTANDS, TOILET SETS, CHEST OF DRAWERS, CHAIRS, TABLES, FENDERS & COALSUTTLES, &c., &c.

COOKING RANGE and UTENSILS.
1 TENNIS NET and POLES, 1 Lot WIRE NETTING.

Also:
COTTAGE PIANO by RACHALS (in good Condition).
On View from THURSDAY, the 28th Dec. TERMS:-As customary.
Catalogues will be issued.

GEO. A. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [15931]

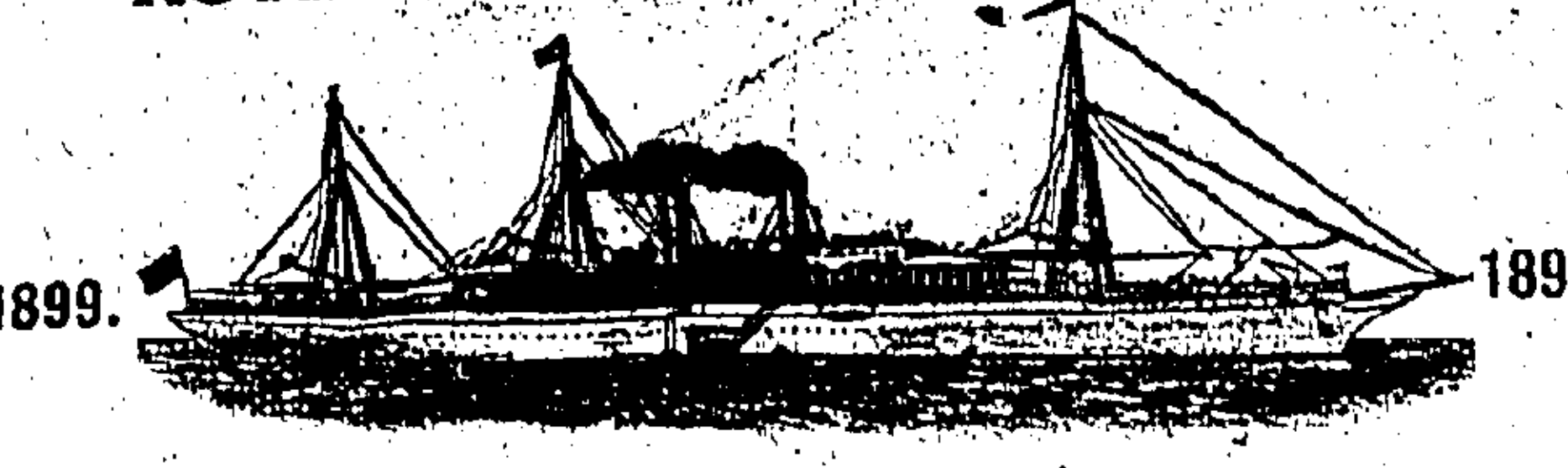
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ZETLAND LODGE,
No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant, at 8.30 for 6 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1899. [15854]

MAILS.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.



SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.
THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.
(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)
Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 17th Jan., 1900.
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Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months. SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having secured the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide, Book, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1899.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

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Saint Irene... 1,377 | W. Atree... Jan. 6.
City of Dublin... 3,328 | J. R. Rade... Jan. 12.
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Also:
FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by the Line, HONGKONG TO LONDON £47.

Excellent accommodation. First-class Tables. DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK £41.

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HONGKONG TO TACOMA £28.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application. Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

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Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate, and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Portland, Or. (whichever may be the destination of the Steamer).

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1899. [15954]

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO VIA INLAND-SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL and SOUTH AMERICA, &c.

Strathgyle... 1,523 | about | Jan. 10.
Carlisle City... 1,302 | about | Jan. 10.
Belgian King... 1,379 | about | Jan. 20.
Carmarthenshire... 2,929 | about | Jan. 31.

THE Steamship "STRATHGYLE" will be despatched for SAN DIEGO VIA KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on or about WEDNESDAY, the 10th January.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages will be received at the OFFICE until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

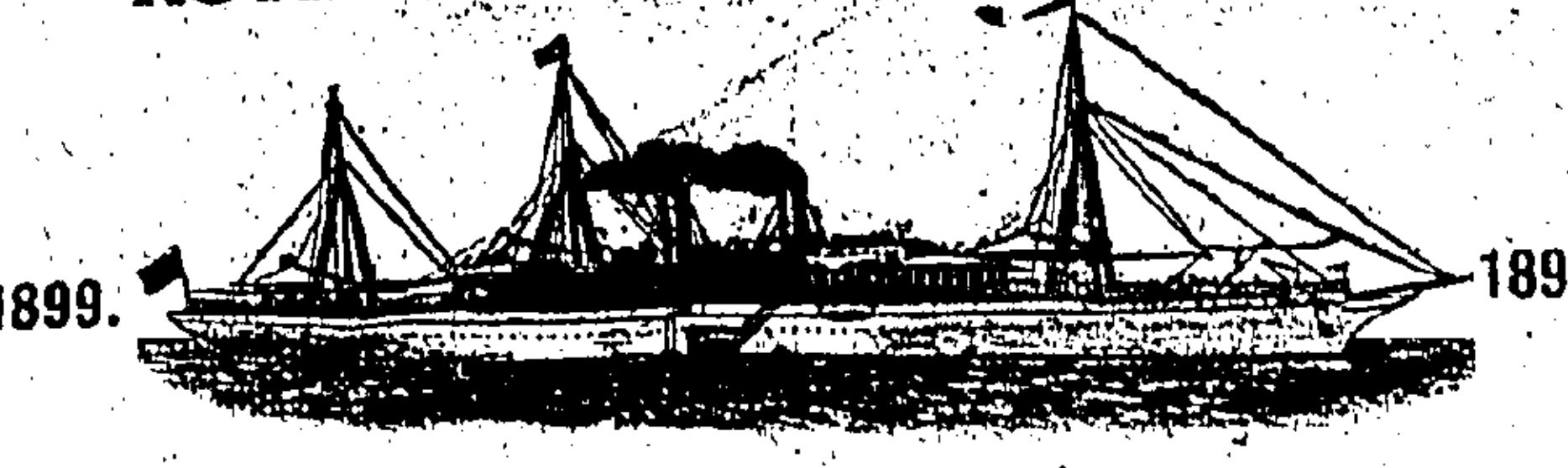
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MAILS.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
HIROSHIMA MARU	YOKOHAMA, MANILA, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, and S. Yoshizawa	TUESDAY, 26th Dec., at Noon.
HITACHI MARU	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	WEDNESDAY, 27th Dec., at 4 P.M.
FUTAMI MARU	MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	FRIDAY, 29th Dec., at 4 P.M.
AWA MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID	FRIDAY, 29th Dec., at 4 P.M.
INABA MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	SUNDAY, 14th January, at Noon.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Prince Central.

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1899.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

(Freight Service.)
(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS, NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
AMBRIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	12th January.
Burnmeister	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 22nd January.
*SARNIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	January.
Fuchs	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 31st January.
*SILESIA	MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG.	January.
Behrens	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 5th February.
WITTENBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	About 10th February.
Madsen	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 10th February.
HOLSATIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	About 10th February.
Bahle	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 10th February.

* These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

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TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Wednesday, 3rd Jan., 1900, at Noon.

AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Saturday, 27th Jan., 1900, at Noon.

HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Thursday, 22nd Feb., 1900, at Noon.

THE Steamship "NIPPON MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd January, 1900, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

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STEAMERS.

FOR KOBE (DIRECT).
THE Steamship
 "DECIMA."
 Captain C. Christensen, will be despatched for the above Port, TO-MORROW, the 24th instant, at Daylight.
 For Freight, apply to
THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 23rd December, 1899. [1582a]
THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA,
LIMITED.
 FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship
 "MAIDZURU MARU."
 Captain T. Ogata, will be despatched for the above ports, TO-MORROW, the 24th instant, at Daylight.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 23rd December, 1899. [1513a]
CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.
 FOR KOBE.
THE Company's Steamship
 "TAIYUAN."
 Captain Nelson, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 24th instant, at Daylight.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 23rd December, 1899. [1547a]
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.
 FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship
 "HAILONG."
 Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 24th instant, at Daylight.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
 General Managers.
 Hongkong, 23rd December, 1899. [1599a]
OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
 FOR LIVERPOOL (DIRECT).
 (Not calling at LONDON.)
THE Company's Steamship
 "TANTALUS."
 Captain Bartlett, will be despatched TO-MORROW, the 24th instant.
 Taking Cargo to LIVERPOOL at London Rates.
 For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 19th December, 1899. [1466a]
THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
 FOR MANILA.
THE Company's Steamship
 "ESMERALDA."
 Captain Blaxland, will be despatched for the above Port, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant, at 2 P.M.
 This steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric Light.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
 General Managers.
 Hongkong, 19th December, 1899. [1575a]
SHEWAN TOMES & CO'S "NEW YORK" LINE.
 FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship
 "ASAMA."
 will be despatched for the above Port, about the 27th instant.
 To be followed by
 The Steamship
 "QUEEN ELEANOR,"
 about the 15th January, 1900, and
 The Steamship
 "MORVEN,"
 about the 15th February, 1900.
 For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 8th December, 1899. [1516a]
FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.
THE Steamship
 "LIGHTNING."
 Captain S. Belsom, will be despatched for the above Ports, on THURSDAY, the 28th instant, at Noon.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 19th December, 1899. [1576a]
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
 FOR MANILA.
THE Company's Steamship
 "FUTANI MARU."
 (3,800 Tons Gross, Captain J. Thom.) will be despatched for the above Port, on FRIDAY, the 29th instant, at 4 P.M.
 This new Mail Steamer is specially constructed for service in the Tropics and is provided with Superior Accommodation and with all modern fittings, and improvements for the safety and comfort of Passengers, Electric Light and Refrigerator, Doctor and Stewardess carried.
 Return Tickets issued by this Company are available for return by steamers of the other Lines.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
A. S. MIHARA,
 Manager.
 Hongkong, 21st December, 1899. [158]
EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
 FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
 (Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, &c.)
THE Steamship
 "AIRLIE."
 Captain C. Keck, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 6th January, at Noon.
 This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.
 This Steamer is installed throughout with Electric Light.
 A Stewardsess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.
 N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRIA, are available return by the Steamers of the CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY and vice versa.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 9th December, 1899. [1577a]

STEAMERS.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA.
THE Company's Steamship
"SHANSI"
Captain Camaghang, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 26th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1899. [1526a]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.
(*Florida and Rubattino United Companies.*)
STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND BOMBAY. Having connexion with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA,
ALSO VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE, and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO.
Taking Cargo at through Rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAHAD, also BARCELONA, VALENCIA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.
THE Steamship
"BORMIDA,"
Captain G. Santorio, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant, at Noon. At BOMBAY, the Steamers are discharging in VICTORIA DOCK.
For further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1899. [1588a]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR MANILA.
THE Company's Steamship
"LOONGSANG,"
Captain Weigall, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant, at 4 P.M. This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.
For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1899. [1586a]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Company's Steamship
"PATROCLUS,"
Captain Dickens, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant.
For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1502a]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR MANILA, CEBU AND ILOILO.
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Captain Finlayson, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 28th instant.
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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899. [1591a]

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
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"DIOMED,"
Captain Goodwin, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 9th January.
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Hongkong, 11th December, 1899. [1538]

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THE Steamship
"INDRAVELLI,"
Captain Craven, will be despatched as above on or about THURSDAY, the 18th January, 1900.
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Hongkong, 20th December, 1899. [1583]

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"ANTENOR,"
Captain Jackson, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 23rd January.
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Companies.	Capital Paid up.	Latest quotation.	
Banks.			
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$125	340 % premium	[sales]
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited— (Preference)	£ 5	Nominal	
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited— (Ordinary)	£ 4	£1 buyers	
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited— (Deferred)	£ 1	£5.5 buyers	
National Bank of China, Ltd.	£ 8	\$20 sellers	
Do. Founders	£ 1	\$20	
Marine Insurances.			
Union Ins. Society of Canton, Ltd.	\$ 50	\$235	
China Traders' Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	\$58	
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	£ 25	Tls. 190	
Yangtsze Ins. Assoc. Co., Ltd.	\$ 60	\$110	
Canton Ins. Office, Ltd.	\$ 50	\$130	
Straits Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$24	
Fire Insurances.			
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$327½ buyers	
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$88 sellers	
Shipping.			
Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co., Limited	\$ 15	\$30½ sellers	
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	£ 10	\$82½	
China & Manila S.S. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$90	
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$53 sellers	
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd.—(Pref.) ..	£ 10	£9.15 buyers	
Co., Ltd.—(Ord.) ..	£ 10	£9 buyers	
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd.—(Ord.) ..	£ 5	£4.15 sales	
Star Ferry Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$21	
"Shell" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	£ 100	£240	
Refineries.			
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$120	
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$47½	
Mining.			
Panjoon Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 6	\$7½	
Panjoon Mining Preference Shares ..	\$ 1	\$1.30	
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Fcs. 250	\$320	
Queen Mines, Ltd.	25 cts.	\$0.40	
Jebeub Mining and Trading Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	\$12½ buyers	
Raub Allain Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	15s. 10d.	\$61½ buyers	
Olivers Freehold Mines, Ltd.	\$ 5	\$9	
Olivers Freehold Mines, Ltd.	\$ 4½	\$6 buyers	
Great Eastern & Caledonian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	\$0.70	
Do. (Preference) ..	\$ 1	\$0.30	
Docks, Wharves and Godowns.			
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	\$125	52½ % sales	
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$87 sellers	
Wanchai Warehouse & Storage Co., Ltd.	\$ 37½	\$45 buyers	
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 6½	\$21 sales	
Lands, Hotels and Buildings.			
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$9.35 sales	
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$116	
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 30	\$29 sales	
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$34 sales	
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$119 buyers	
Humphreys & Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$9½ sellers	
Cotton Mills.			
Hongkong Cotton Spinning & Weaving & Dyeing Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$58	
Ewo Cotton Spinning & W. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 55	
International Cotton Mfg. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 65	
Laou-kuang-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 72½	
Soychee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	Tls. 500	Tls. 375	
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China Borneo Cement A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	\$ 15	\$15½ sales	
Watkins, Limited ..	\$ 10	\$15.75	
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	\$ 10	\$10	
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	\$ 2	\$2	
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd.	£ 10	\$130	
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$210 buyers	
H'kong Ice Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	\$45 buyers	
H'kong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	\$ 200	\$155 buyers	
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	\$ 6	\$4½ ex div.	
Hongkong and China Bakery Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$25	
Campbell, Moore and Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$15 buyers	
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.	£ 1	£1. nominal	
Oriental Agcy. Ltd.	\$ 4	\$2	
United Asbestos Oriental Agcy. Ltd.	\$ 10	\$10	
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 17th Dec.,—Kutchinotia 13th Dec., Coal.
 —Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
BORMIDA, Italian steamer, 1,489, G. Sartorio,
 21st Dec.,—Bombay 2nd Dec., and Singa-
 pore 14th, General.—Carlowitz & Co.
CHOWFA, British steamer, 1,055, J. Williamson,
 12th Dec.,—Bangkok and Dec., and Ang
 Hin 5th, General.—Butterfield & Swire.
DECIMA, German steamer, 965, Christiansen,
 21st Dec.,—Mojib, 16th Dec., Coal.—Sander,
 W. & G.
**DEUTEROS, German steamer, 1,001, E. Peter-
 sen, 20th Dec.,—Saigon 16th Dec., Rice.—
 Siemssen & Co.**
**DEVAWONGSE, British steamer, 1,057, Richard
 Curtis, 15th Dec.,—Bangkok 6th Dec.,
 and Ang Hin 8th, General.—Yuen Fat
 Hong.**
HAICHING, British steamer, 1,267, W. Davis,
 16th Dec.,—Fochow 15th Dec., Amoy
 14th, and Swatow 15th, General.—Douglas,
 Laiprak & Co.
HAIOGONG, British steamer, 783, A. J. Robson,
 22nd Dec.,—Swatow 21st Dec., General.—
 Douglas, Laiprak & Co.
**LIANOI, French steamer, 750, Pannier, 21st
 Dec.,—Haiphong 18th Dec., and Hoihow
 20th, Rice.—A. R. Marty.**
HOIHAO, French steamer, 509, J. C. Gerard,
 21st Dec.,—Pakhoi, 19th Dec., General.—
 A. R. Marty.
**KÖNIG ALBERT, German steamer, 10,600, O.
 Cüppers, 13th Dec.,—Yokohama 4th Dec.,
 Mails and General.—Meichers & Co.
**LIGHTON, British steamer, 1,122, S. H.
 Nelson, 18th Dec.,—Calcutta 29th Nov.,
 Penang 7th Dec., and Singapore 11th,
 General.—David, Sassoon Sons & Co.
**MAIDZURU MARU, Japanese steamer, 667, T.
 Ogata, 21st Dec.,—Tamsui via Amoy and
 Swatow 20th Dec., General.—Order.
**MENMUI, British steamer, 1,950, S. J. George,
 6th Dec.,—Sourabaya and Cheribon 25th
 Nov., Sugar.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
**PEIYANG, German steamer, 953, R. Köhler,
 21st Dec.,—Haiphong 19th Dec., Rice.—
 A. R. Marty.**
**PETERSEN, German steamer, 1,258, H. Necker,
 17th Dec.,—Java 7th Dec., Sugar.—Order.
**PIRA CHOM KLAO, British steamer, 1,011, J.
 Fowler, 18th Dec.,—Bangkok 9th Dec.,
 and Angbin 11th, Rice.—Yuen Fat Hong.
**PROGRESS, German steamer, 687, P. Brandt,
 15th Dec.,—Touron 12th Dec., Rice.—
 Siemssen & Co.**
**ROHILLA, British steamer, 3,591, S. de B.
 Lockyer, R.N.R., 21st Nov.,—Yokohama
 14th Nov., General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
**SABINE RICKMERS, German steamer, 600, J. R.
 Nasbit, R.N.R., 15th Dec.,—Fochow and
 Amoy 5th Dec., General.—Arnhold, Kar-
 ber & Co.
**SIAM, British steamer, 952, H. N. Holton,
 21st Dec.,—Bangkok 13th Dec., and Ang
 Hin 13th Dec., Rice and General.—Bradley
 & Co.
**SUISANO, British steamer, 1,776, E. J. Todd,
 16th Dec.,—Calcutta 22nd Nov., Penang
 29th, and Singapore 3rd Dec., Opium and
 General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
**TAIFU, German steamer, 1,043, R. Schuldt,
 20th Dec.,—Sailon 15th Dec., Rice.—
 Meyer & Co.
**TAI LEE, German steamer, 828, T. Calender,
 21st Dec.,—Mauritius 17th Dec., Sugar.—
 Meyer & Co.
**TAIYUAN, British steamer, 1,459, R. Nelson,
 21st Dec.,—Adelaide 11th Nov., Melbourne
 14th, Newcastle 16th, Sydney 21st,
 Brisbane 24th, Townsville 26th, Cairns
 27th, Coenbrook 28th, Townsville 29th,
 Dec., Port Darwin 7th, and Amieka 18th,
 General.—Butterfield & Swire.
**TRIUMPH, British steamer, 675, A. Rieck,
 6th Dec.,—Haiphong and Hoihow 5th
 Dec., General.—Jebsen & Co.****************************

Sailing Vessels.

**ADOLPH OBRIE, American bark, 1,302, Arms-
 bury, 17th Oct., New York 5th May, Case
 Oil.—Standard Oil Co.
**JOHN McDONALD, American ship, 2,128, Stern,
 25th Nov.,—New York 25th June, Oil.—
 Standard Oil Co.
**MARY L. CUSHING, American bark, 1,540,
 Pendleton, 1st Oct.,—New York 16th May,
 Case Oil.—Order.
**REUCE, American ship, 1,838, D. Whitmore,
 3rd Oct.,—New York 30th May, Case Oil.
 —Standard Oil Co.
**SIMLA, British 4-masted bark, 2,687, Huestis,
 25th Aug.,—Cebu and Philippine Islands
 2nd Oct., Ballast.—Order.
**STATE OF MAINE, American ship, 1,500,
 Colcord, 9th Oct.,—New York 20th May,
 Kerosine Oil.—Standard Oil Co.
**VALE OF DOON, British bark, 659, J. Peterson,
 11th Dec.,—Ranjang, Sarawak, N.D. 15th
 Nov., Hard-wood.—Order.
**WARATAH, British schooner, 25, Haynes, 23rd
 Sept.,—Takow 15th Sept., Balinese.—Mr. F.
 W. Hall.
**WM. H. CONNER, American ship, 1,424, J. T.
 Erskine, 14th Oct.,—New York 7th May,
 and Rio Janeiro 11th July, Kerosine.—
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For Samarang and Sourabaya—Per *Shansu*
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 For Haiphong—Per *Pelyang* to-morrow, the
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 25th instant, at 9 A.M.
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 25th instant, at 9 A.M.
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Borhidine on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at 9 A.M.
 For Singapore, Colombo and Bombay—Per
Horseshine Maru on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at
 9 A.M.
 For Swatow—Per *Thille* on Tuesday, the
 26th instant, at 9 A.M.
 For Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per
Princk Heinrich on Wednesday, the 27th inst.,
 at 11 A.M.
 For Manila—Per *Longsang* on Wednesday
 the 27th instant, at 3 P.M.
 For Manila—Per *Emeralda* on Wednesday
 the 27th instant, at 3 P.M.
 For Singapore—Per *Siam* on Thursday, the
 28th instant, at 11 A.M.
 For Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per
Lightning on Thursday, the 28th instant, at
 11 A.M.
 For Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville,
 Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne—Per *Fulmar*
Maru on Friday, the 29th instant, at 3 P.M.
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